1	2	3
Maharashtra	Mumbai	36,714.91
Manipur	Imphal	39,717.62
Nagaland	Dimapur	37,617.05
Orissa	Bhubaneshwar	38,015.21
Rajasthan	Jaipur	40,626.22
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	38,863.85
Tripura	Agartala	38,971.75
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	36,421.05
Uttaranchal	Chandigarh	30,225.99
West Bengal	Kolkata	40,020.80

Revision in prices of petroleum products

†703. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount and frequency of raising the prices of petrol, diesel and LGP since January, 2005 to date by Government;

(b) the extent of rise in the prices of essential consumer goods on account of increased truck fare due to rise in petrol and diesel prices;

(c) the difference between the purchase price and sale price of petrol and diesel; and

(d) whether Government have any scheme to stabilize these prices, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The oil marketing companies (OMCs) have revised the prices of petrol and diesel twice since January, 2005. There has been no increase in the prices of domestic liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) since

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

November 2004. The details of price revision for petrol & diesel (based on retail selling prices at New Delhi) since January, 2005 are as under:—

(Rs./Litre)

Date of Price Revision	Petrol	Diesel
21-06-2005	2.50	2.00
07-09-2005	3.00	2.00

(b) The hike in diesel prices may have impacted the retail prices of various commodities in different parts of the country owing to the increase in transport and other incidental costs.

(c) The Weighted Average Refinery Transfer Price (RTP) & the Ex-Storage Point Price (ESPP) of petrol & diesel and the difference for the period 1.1.2005 to 16.11.2005 is given below:

	Weighted Average Refinery Transfer Price	Ex-Storage Point Price	Difference
Petrol	18808.39	17696.13	312.26
Diesel	19836.90	19179.86	657.04

(d) In order to formulate a long-term pricing policy for petroleum products, the Government have constituted an inter-ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

The Committee is mandated to look into various aspects of pricing and taxation of petroleum products with a view to stabilizing/rationalizing their prices, keeping in view the financial position of the oil companies, the investment needed in the sector, the need to conserve petroleum products, and establishing a transparent mechanism for the autonomous adjustment of prices by the oil companies. Taking into consideration the interests of all stakeholders concerned, the Committee will suggest a comprehensive mechanism for pricing and taxation of sensitive petroleum products, and other allied issues.